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Bradley Runs L.A. From Home Following Surgery



Tom Bradley

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley recently underwent surgery to remove an enlarged portion of his prostate gland and is not expected back at City Hall until the early part of January. However, the 65-year-old mayor will continue carrying on his responsibilities as chief executive of Los Angeles from his home, a spokesman said.

There were no complications following the surgery. "He's up and around, recovering nicely," said press aide Vicki Pipkin. Bradley was hospitalized at Ross Loos Medical Center for six days.

Pat Russell, president of the City Council, served as acting mayor for several days following the surgery.

Mitchell To Campaign On Defeat Reagan Platform



Parren Mitchell

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, who has already served 12 years as Baltimore's delegate to the U.S. Congress, recently announced he will seek re-election this year in order to defeat Reagan and safeguard the rights of the poor that the Reagan administration is threatening to abolish.

In making his bid for re-election known, Mitchell said, "I shall work to safeguard the existing laws which accord protection of civil rights, civil liberties, trade unions and the poor. All of these laws are under attack by the Reagan administration."

Aretha Franklin Sued For $100,000 In Back Taxes



Aretha Franklin

A lawsuit has been filed against singer Aretha Franklin demanding $100,000 in back taxes, interest and fines.

The suit by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finances is demanding back taxes owed to the state from 1972-1977, according to department spokesman Gary Fryer. At JET press time, Ms. Franklin could not be reached for comment.

Black-Majority District Is Voted In Louisiana

A reapportionment plan that creates a Congressional district with a majority of Black residents in Louisiana for the first time since Reconstruction has won approval by the House and Senate.

The plan replaces a voting plan a federal three-judge panel struck down in 1981. They ruled it diluted Black voter strength.

Gov. David C. Treen is expected to OK the new plan.

Stone To Be Sentenced On Drug Charges In Fla.

Rock singer Sly Stone, who recently pleaded no contest to drug charges in Fort Meyers, Fla., is scheduled to be sentenced on the charges Jan. 9, police said.

Stone pleaded no contest to charges of possession of cocaine and paraphernalia in the Lee County Circuit Court and was allowed to remain free on bond until sentencing, according to 1st Sgt. Douglas Bostick of the Lee County Sheriff's Dept.

Stone was arrested on the drug charges in a Ft. Meyers, Fla., motel along with a female companion (JET, July 11). The woman was not charged, Bostick said.

Connecticut's First Black Warden Dies Of Blood Clot

Carl Robinson, Connecticut's first Black warden who was recognized nationally for his progressive approach to corrections, died recently, apparently of a blood clot. He was 46.

Robinson had been the warden of the state Correctional Institution at Somers since 1972 and was known for his innovative policies in the corrections system. He was particularly aggressive in fighting for humane treatment of inmates. He was named Warden of the Year in 1982 by the American Correctional Association.

Robinson played pro football for the San Francisco 49ers after graduating from South Carolina State College. His career was short-lived because of a knee injury. Services were held in Hartford, Conn.



Blue leaves courthouse with his attorney, Sygmont Jarezyk.

Baseball Players Banned For 1 Year On Drug Rap; Vida Blue Gets 3 Months

Willie Wilson, Willie Aikens, Jerry Martin and Steve Howe, all who found themselves in trouble over drug abuse at the end of last year (JET, Oct. 31, 1983) were each suspended one year by outgoing baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

Wilson, Aikens and Martin, who are each serving their three-month jail sentences as handed down by a Kansas City Court, will be reviewed for good behavior in May and could be reinstated, although Aikens and Martin have been released by the Royals. None can be paid during the suspension.

Howe, a pitcher with the Los Angeles Dodgers, had several repeat offenses of drug abuse against him and cannot be reinstated until next December.

Meanwhile, ex-Royal star Vida Blue was meted three months in jail and fined $5,000 for misdemeanor cocaine possession.

Nebraska State Sen. Calls Photo Of Whites In Blackface 'Demeaning'



Ernest Chambers

Nebraska State Senator Ernest W. Chambers has called a photo of four White people donning blackface printed in the Lexington Clipper newspaper "racially demeaning."

Chambers blasted the employees of a Lexington clothing store in which four employees donned blackface and "stereotypic slavery clothing" in the photo as part of a costume contest.

Chambers said the photo printed in the Clipper, "reflects the moral standards of the Lexington community... the Clipper believes the freedom of the press means the right to demean, insult and ridicule an entire race of people."

Jim Kelly publisher of the paper said the photo was not intended to be racially demeaning. "There was certainly nothing intended by it at all. It was a costume situation."

Hall Of Famers: Army Nursing Col. Clara Adams-Ender (2nd, l) and Mrs. Katie Waller (2nd, r) were inducted into the Black Women's Hall of Fame recently in ceremonies in Chicago. Making it a military affair were Mrs. Ender's husband Heintz Ender (l), Mrs. Waller's son, Col. Ben Waller Jr., who presented the awards, and her husband, Ben Waller Sr.





Jesse Jackson hands over presidential primary papers to New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner as Mel King, a former Boston mayoral candidate looks on.

Jackson Files Papers To Enter New Hampshire Race; Muslims Provide Security

Jesse Jackson recently handed in his presidential primary papers along with the $1,000 fee in New Hampshire, making him an official candidate in the state's primary. Jackson was the first presidential candidate to hand over the papers to New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner.

In another development in Jackson's campaign, the Rev. Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam-Final Call Inc., has announced that members of his security force will watch Jackson. Farrakhan fears the "racist element" in the nation poses a threat to Jackson's life.

Explained Thomas Todd, interim head of Operation PUSH, "He feels the Secret Service didn't do a good job watching Presidents Kennedy and Reagan, Gov. George Wallace and Martin Luther King Jr.," Todd added. "This is the first time the Nation of Islam has extended itself into national politics. This move is significant."

TV Documentary On King To Be Aired In January

A television documentary on the life of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be aired during the week of January 14-20 to coincide with his birthday.

The documentary will be taped at the Kennedy Center with entertainment provided by a number of Black stars.

Previously unseen footage of King's life will be provided by the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Change. The organization which is headed by King's widow, Coretta Scott King, will also serve as technical director and a producer.

The show will be produced by Bentley Entertainment Group, Ltd.

15 Klansmen Face Jail If Convicted In Crossburning

If found guilty 15 men arrested at a Ku Klux Klan cross-burning in the San Fernando Valley face a maximum penalty of one year in jail for each charge and a $5,000 fine, according to Atty. Ira Reiner.

The Klansmen, some wearing hooded robes, and carrying ax handles and table legs as weapons, were arrested and charged with unlawful assembly, illegal burning and conspiracy to commit a crime, police report.

Activist Says Integration Hurt Many Poor Blacks

Integration was a positive force in that it helped many Blacks move out of the nation's ghettoes but it also hurt many Blacks by taking away positive role models, according to Roger Wilkins, a senior fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, a private research organization in Washington, D.C.

Wilkins, the nephew of the late NAACP leader Roy Wilkins and a former editorial writer for the New York Times and Washington Post, said when segregation was prevalent, middle-class adults were role models for the neighborhoods poor children. "Everybody's problem was everybody else's problem," he explained.

But with the advent of integration, coming after the Supreme Court's 1954 decision outlawing segregation in public schools, middle-class Blacks relocated, leaving poor Blacks behind in the ghetto without much hope. To remedy the problem, Wilkins said middle-class Blacks should help less fortunate Blacks get the education and job skills no longer provided in Black neighborhoods.

Zambia Defense Minister's Wife Arrested For Drugs

The wife of Zambia's Defense Minister Wilson Chakulya was arrested recently in London on a drug charge, according to a British court.

According to the Mail newspaper, Susan Chakulya was arrested and charged with smuggling about 65 pounds of marijuana into Britain.

N.Y. Mayor Offers Reward In Haitian Murder Probe

New York City Mayor Ed Koch is offering a $10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Haitian newspaper publisher Firmin Joseph.

Joseph, owner of the newspaper Tribune D'Haiti, was shot and killed in front of his Brooklyn home. Joseph, who fled from Haiti in the late 1950s, had received death threats for publishing a series of articles critical of the Haitian government.

Ends Her Year And Walk With Message For Peace

Bringing a message of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men," Esther "Little Dove" John recently completed a cross-country walk from Seattle, Wash. to the United Nations in New York.

Ms. John, a 31-year-old teacher and musician, left Seattle on June 1st. Her message to the U.N. is that, "We the people want peace and harmony in all aspects of life on earth." During the past six months, John said she has obtained hundreds of messages for peace from people she met along the way.

A native of White Plains, N.Y., she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Harvard University. Ms. John said the 3,000-mile trek was her way of "articulating the dream" of all people. She said, "I think every individual has a vision of peace, of what it would be like to live in a world in which people were in harmony with their neighbors."



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RELIGION

Black Methodists Discuss Merger Of Two Churches

The African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, two predominantly Black denominations in the Methodist faith, are considering a merger that could bring their combined memberships to 1.7 million.

AME Zion and CME officials are engaging in studies to determine the feasibility of the two uniting. The AME Zion church, formed in 1796 by free Blacks who withdrew from the mostly white John Street Methodist Episcopal Church in New York, boasts 1.1 million members.

Established by former slaves, the CME church has 600,000 members.

Church officials said a merger could take 10 to 12 years because approval would have to be obtained from the national conventions of both churches, which meets every four years to deliberate on issues.

Priest Ordained Bishop: During recent ceremonies at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin (2nd, l) leads the service as four new bishops, including the city's first Black bishop, Wilton Gregory, humble themselves at his feet. At right, Bishop Gregory is greeted by the Rev. Edward Garza of Epiphany Parish during reception that followed. Bishop Gregory, 36, also the American hierarchy's youngest bishop, affirmed his heritage by carrying "a cross made from Afro-American colors of red, green and black."





Ticker Tape U.S.A.

By Simeon Booker, *Washington Bureau Chief*

Caribbean Confidential: To open a dialogue on deteriorating communications between American and Caribbean Blacks, Dominican Prime Minister **Eugenia Charles,** the area's only woman prime minister, has volunteered to address a major national Black women's organization. She will return to the U.S. in February. She told JET, in an exclusive interview, she would appreciate the opportunity to explain the Caribbean position, and also to encourage Black women to enter politics... The weakness of President **Reagan's** economic program to help Grenada is: no Black business people are included in his American task force and no Grenadian Black business people are publicized in the effort to aid that country. On the other hand, West Indian leaders are also concerned that any crash program will be concentrated only in Grenada, and benefits not spread throughout the region... During the mid-winter workshop session of the National Newspaper Publishers Association in mid-January in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, representatives of Caribbean governments may get the chance to discuss with the Black press ways to jointly increase opportunities for relationship in communication and business, an important step in bridging the gap between Caribbean and Black Americans. NNPA Executive Director **Steven G. Davis** has indicated that sessions will be held on developing new strategies... A Republican politician, who became the first of his party to be elected Virgin Isle governor and the first GOP member of the Congressional Black Caucus, is a key strategist in the forging of a new Caribbean policy. Ambassador to Trinidad-Tobago **Melvyn Horbert Evans** long has been an advocate of more U.S. concern for Caribbean people who regard themselves as "front door," rather than "back door" neighbors of the U.S.... The tourist mecca in Trinidad is the swank Hilton Hotel, featuring a dining room with a mural painted by the multi-talented **Geoffrey Holder,** the island's native.

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National Headliners: A U.S. trained product is **Gerry Harewood,** the TV news editor for the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation in Barbados. He formerly served as a Washington Afro-American Newspaper reporter ... Black diplomats can take credit for jolting the State Department into sensitivity over Grenada. One of the operatives was **William (Bill) Davis** in Jamaica.



Eugenia Charles



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Wedding Bell Rumors Ring False For Jennifer Beals



Jennifer Beals

Contrary to rumors that spread like wildfire, *Flashdance* movie star Jennifer Beals, who is a Yale University student did not get married in Bangkok, Thailand, her publicist told Jet.

Miss Beals, the daughter of the late Alfred Beals, a Black supermarket owner in Chicago, and Jeanne Cohen, an Irish-Catholic school teacher, "is in New York at school studying her you-know-what off for finals and she did not get married and she's never even been to Bangkok," said Susan Ruderian, of the public relations office of Bill Robinson & Associates in Los Angeles.

Rumor had it that Miss Beals wore a traditional silk Thai wedding dress in a Buddhist ceremony that united her in marriage to her longtime beau Robert Simmons. The "newlyweds" supposedly spent their wedding night in the Bangkok Hilton, registered as Mr. and Mrs. Snuffy Smith before taking off for their honeymoon in Hong Kong.

When asked how such an elaborate tale was woven, Ruderian said, "it was just something that someone made up and it ran (in a New York daily newspaper). We've got more than 50 calls in the past two days from all over the country about the rumors." Calling the incident a bizarre hoax, Ruderian said, "It's a shame some people believe everything they read."



New Partners: Maynard H. Jackson (3rd, l), former mayor of Atlanta and partner in the Chapman and Cutler law firm, is joined by partners (l-r) Richard H. Goss, Howard H. Hush Jr., Manly W. Mumford, new associate Elaine Levison, partners Richard A. Makarski and Peter P. Coladarci; in congratulating (seated) new partner Stephen H. Pugh Jr. and new participating partner Raymond A. Sales to the firm. Chapman and Cutler was founded in Chicago in 1913 and has 181 lawyers with clients in 46 states. Offices are in Chicago, Salt Lake City and for municipal bond specialist Maynard Jackson, Atlanta.

BUSINESS

DOT And SBA Sign Pact To Aid Black Business

The government's Department of Transportation and the Small Business Administration recently signed an agreement that will increase government contracts to small, Black businesses.

Secretary of Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole said, "This pilot program promises exciting changes in the marketplace. We are committed to providing assistance to the small and disadvantaged business sector in gaining top government contracts. It is simply not enough to own one's own business. The ultimate American dream is to succeed,"

The pilot program will focus on federally funded contracts in sophisticated areas of research and development and high technology.

Agencies within the department will form long term contracts allowing for development and growth possibilities by the participating minority firms.

Minority Banks To Receive $18 Million DOE Deposits

The U.S. Department of Energy has announced it will deposit $18 million in 92 banks participating in its minority Bank Development Program. The funds were obtained under consent orders and agreements with various energy companies for settlements in oil pricing cases.

About $27 million or $300,000 per bank is already on deposit at these institutions. The latest deposits will be in the form of six-month certificates of deposits in denominations of $100,000.

Black Journalists Seek More Jobs In Michigan

The Detroit-area chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists announced recently a year-long drive to increase Black editorial employees by five percent at 29 White-owned newspapers, radio and television stations and magazines in six southeastern Michigan counties.

Kevin Fobbs, local president of the organization, said a survey of metropolitan news media showed that the 29 White-owned outlets count just 137 Blacks among their 1,082 editorial employees.



New President: Dr. Thomas Miller Jenkins, a University of Illinois-Chicago administrator, has been named president of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. Dr. Jenkins takes over the new post Feb 1.

EDUCATION

Univ. Of Mass. Student Has Court Date On Arson Charge

A University of Massachusetts student who was arrested and charged with setting one of 30 minor campus fires, is scheduled to attend a pre-trial conference in Northampton District Court January 26.

Yvette I. Henry, 20, of Philadelphia recently pleaded innocent to the charge and was allowed to remain free on $10,000 bail after her arraignment. She was charged with one count of setting personal property on fire and a count of setting university property on fire.

The fire like the others was put out within seconds. No injuries have been reported in any of the fires.

At JET press time, another fire was reported on the campus after Ms. Henry's arrest.

Suspend Omega Frat From Tenn. State University

Tennessee State University officials say they have suspended the Rho Psi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity from the campus for three years following their investigation into the death of a student.

Vann L. Watts, 20, of Birmingham, Ala., died recently of an alcohol overdose at an off-campus party where he and other of his fraternity members were celebrating their initiation (JET Dec. 19, 1983).

"The fraternity has been charged with four violations of general rules and regulations governing conduct of students and student organizations," said Barbara Murrell, vice president of student affairs.

Ms. Murrell said that chapter advisors were not notified of the initiation ceremony, and therefore no advisor was present. The initiation ceremony was an unsanctioned pledge activity. And the initiation ceremony was conducted off campus. Fraternity officials say they will appeal the decision.

Four Black Students Win Rhodes Scholarships

Four Black students and an Hispanic have been named recipients of the coveted Rhodes Scholarships.

A total of 32 college students were named Rhodes Scholars this year. The Black Rhodes scholars are: Carlton Long of Gary, Ind., a political science major at Columbia University in New York City; Arthur Keith Greene III of Slidell, La., a senior at Tulane University; Jeanette M. Pitts, of Kansas City, Kan., senior at Stanford University; Roosevelt LaVaner Thompson, of Little Rock, Ark., a senior at Yale and Hispanic Rhodes scholar, Catherine Kissee-Sandoval of Montebello, Calif., senior at Yale University.

The students were selected based on intellect, character and physical vigor. Each student will receive a $15,000 to $20,000 annual scholarship to study at Oxford University in England.

Howard Prexy James Cheek Spearheads Fisk Rescue



James Cheek

Howard University President Dr. James E. Cheek has called for a meeting to draw up an agenda to help rescue the 117 year old college in Nashville, Tennessee which is on the verge of financial collapse. Said Cheek, "A severe financial crisis is threatening Fisk University. There is no reason why this great institution should be allowed to die."

Besides making an appeal to Black leaders, he has asked Howard's 7,000 employees "to help save this national resource by making a generous contribution," to Fisk University. Additionally, students are being mobilized across the country through Howard students.

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Jesse Owens Memorial Is Dedicated In Oakville, Ala.



Jesse Owens

A monument honoring the late track legend Jesse Owens was recently dedicated in his home town of Oakville, Ala.

The memorial to Owens, who won four gold medals in 1936 at the Olympic Games in Berlin, is situated on a half acre lot owned by the Oakville Masonic Lodge (JET, Sept. 19, 1983). The memorial was built by local residents from donations from all over the nation. The granite marker with a bronze etching of Owens was built with $2,300 from Gov. George Wallace's discretionary fund.

Plans for the memorial triggered a heated controversy with racial overtones. The Lawrence County Commission, all of whose members are White, voted down a request by state representative Roger Dutton, who is also White, that the monument to Owens be placed on the courthouse lawn in Moulton, near Oakville. The commission denied charges their decision was racially motivated and said there were already too many monuments there.

A group of Black residents guarded the monument before the official dedication ceremony because of reported incidents of vandalism by White residents.

Owens died in 1980 and was buried in his adopted hometown of Chicago.

This Week In Black History

December 28, 1918 — **George H. White,** U.S. Representative from North Carolina during Reconstruction, died in Philadelphia at age 66. White was principal of the State Normal School of North Carolina, he became a member of the state House of Representatives in 1880, served in the state Senate in 1884 and was solicitor and prosecuting attorney for the second judicial district of North Carolina from 1886 to 1894. He was elected a U.S. Representative as a Republican for the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth Congresses serving from March 4, 1897 to March 3, 1901. In 1901 he resumed his law practice and also became a banker. White became famous for his speech to Congress in which he stated that though the Black man had been forced out of national politics, he would return because of his potential strength.



George White

December 31, 1862 — **President Lincoln** made a contract with **Bernard Kock,** a contract colonizer, to carry 5,000 Blacks to Isle a Vache, Haiti, at $50 each. Later the contract was canceled, but only after 450 Blacks had already been sent.

WEEKLY ALMANAC

GOOD READING. The Chicago Public Library, like others across the nation, offers a wealth of good reading for those who indulge. But nothing was better reading for Chicagoans than to learn of an amnesty period for overdue borrowers who held some 83,000 books worth $1.2 million. The week-long amnesty period went over well since latecomers weren't charged.

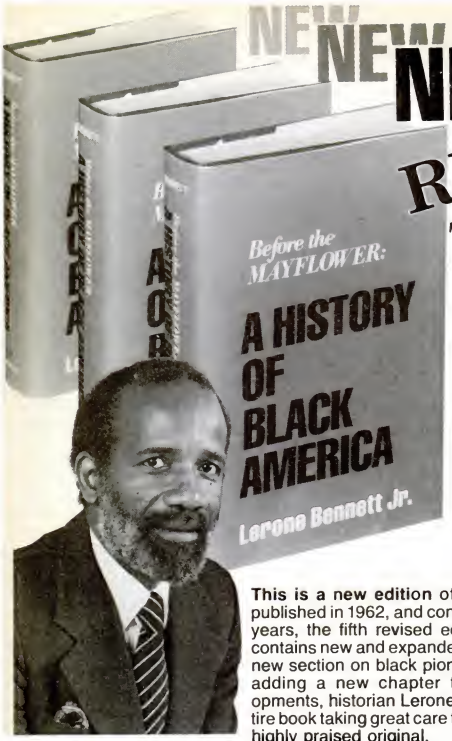
RIO RIPOFF. In Rio, the South American city where anything goes, especially during the peak tourist season, muggers don't miss a chance to collect. Police there report that muggers are now robbing swimmers of their expensive trunks while in the water. To convince the unwilling, the robbers even have an accomplice on the beach pointing a gun under a towel.

A DOG'S LIFE. A good metaphor many people use to describe their situation in America has been, "it's a dog's life." But that's not so bad as long as you don't live in Peking. Officials there, upset over rampaging packs of dogs, ordered over 200,000 canines slain, with even a ban on dog ownership. Reportedly, since dog meat is a delicacy of sorts, many owners ate their pets to comply with the order.

BIG ACCOUNT. A lady in Salt Lake City, Utah, had a problem getting a nationally known store to credit her account instead of billing her for purchases she hadn't made. After a lot of hassle, she got her wish and more. In fact, the store sent her a letter saying that the matter had been cleared up and her account was credited with a finance charge adjustment of $161,509,808,283 and 14 cents.

THE COST OF DYING. James Badgero, of Worthington, Ohio, found that there is a high cost of dying, especially if you live through it. In testifying before a Senate subcommittee in Washington, D.C., on problems of the aging, he told a story that could help speed him on his way. Badgero, who had been receiving retirement benefits, says his wife was notified last winter that he had died so she was entitled to death benefits. While he tried to convince them he wasn't dead, they also said he wasn't entitled to retirement, and without his knowledge, withdrew $1,392 from his bank account.

ON THE DEFENSE. Government officials in the Defense Dept., have been hard pressed to explain how it spent $9,609 for a common "allen wrench" and nearly $15,000 for two pieces of wire that total about 15-cents in value. Apparently someone thought it wasn't too much to pay for parts to repair an aircraft worth $18 million. An investigative committee still calls it waste.



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People

✡ **Theodore E. Martin**, former vice president of planning for the Bendix Automation Group, a machine tool manufacturing firm based in Detroit, has been named vice president and general manager of the Industrial Control Division for the company.

✡ **David W. Bishop**, history professor at North Carolina Central University in Durham, was recently awarded the prestigious Carter G. Woodson Award from the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History for his article in the Journal of Negro History titled *The Affirmative Action Cases: Bakke, Weber and Fullilove*.



Theodore E. Martin



Evette Moore

✡ **John A. Peoples Jr.**, president of Jackson (Miss.) State University, has been chosen to serve on the federal Minority Institutions Science Improvement Program task force.

✡ **Kenneth Reynolds**, former director of press/video and artist relations for PolyGram Records in New York, has been appointed director of rhythm and blues management for Arista Records.

✡ **Evette Moore**, a master's candidate for a degree in communication disorders at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, was elected regional councilor of the National Student Speech and Hearing Association, a preprofessional organization for students in speech-language pathology and audiology.

✡ **Carolyn Wright**, attorney in private practice for the past five years in Dallas, has been appointed by a panel of district judges to the post of master in the Family District Courts of Dallas County, Tex. She is the first Black to serve the county in this capacity.



John Peoples Jr.



Carolyn Wright

✡ **Margaret Burroughs**, director and founder of Chicago's DuSable Museum of African-American History since 1962, was recently presented with the Chicago State University Alumni Award of Distinction.

✡ **Sydney O. Hall**, physical education professor at the University of the District of Columbia, has been named intercollegiate athletics director there.

LAW AND JUSTICE

Preacher's Son Is Executed In Louisiana; 2nd Black Since High Court Lifts Ban



Robert Williams

A former choirboy and son of a preacher recently became the first person executed in Louisiana in 22 years.

Robert Wayne Williams, 31, a divorced father of four children, was only the 10th man and second Black to be executed since the U.S. Supreme Court lifted its ban of the death penalty in 1976.

Williams, a high school dropout admitted killing Willie Kelly, 67, a security guard but said his borrowed sawed-off shotgun went off accidentally because it lacked a firing pin while he was pointing it at Kelly's face.

A spokeswoman for The Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., in New York City told JET that as of October, there were 531 Black men and women on Death Row in the United States.

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall has repeatedly said that his relentless opposition to execution is "so morally correct, I wouldn't think of giving it up." Marshall and Justice William Brennan consistently vote against executions, believing it to be "cruel and unusual punishment" because there are no reasonable standards being used to determine who dies for capital crimes.

In his last statement Williams said that he believed "in this heart that God has come into my life and saved me. Capital Punishment is no good and never has been any good."

Black Texas Engineer Granted A New Trial On Robbery Conviction

A Black engineer in Dallas, Texas, who was serving a life sentence for a robbery he says he did not commit, has been released from jail and granted a new trial.

Lenell Geter, 26, an engineer at E-Systems Inc., had served 477 days of a life sentence for the 1982 robbery of a fast food restaurant in Dallas.

"This is my emancipation proclamation from the judicial system of Texas," said Geter upon his release from jail. "I feel extremely overjoyed."





Not Over Yet!!: Darralyn Bowers (r), shown leaving U.S. District Court, was recently found guilty for her involvement in the Vista Disposal Inc. bribery trial in Detroit. In the three-month long trial, the jury failed to reach a verdict on Charles Beckham, former director of the city's Water and Sewage Department, and two other defendants. Government attorneys said they will continue to prosecute the case.

Calif. Renter Ordered To End Bias Against Blacks

The Dept. of Justice has obtained a consent decree prohibiting a California apartment management firm from refusing to rent apartments to Blacks.

The suit, which the department filed against Wald, Gersten Management and the Gersten Companies, charged that the firm violated the Fair Housing Act of 1968 by using a quota system to limit the opportunity for Blacks to rent apartments in the San Francisco Bay and San Diego areas.

Georgia Upholds Convictions Williams Says He's Innocent

Convicted murderer Wayne Williams, who is serving a life term for killing two of 29 Atlanta Blacks, said recently he is not the killer and pledged to "continue to appeal until I get justice."

The Georgia Supreme Court recently denied his petition for a new trial on the grounds of judicial errors.

Williams' attorney argued that the state made many mistakes in its presentation and that Judge Clarence Cooper erred in various rulings on law.

Williams, who held a press conference at the Fulton County Jail, told reporters that he has been "wrongly accused with a series of henious crimes. All I ask is a chance to see justice."

Wayne B. Williams greets Fulton County Sheriff Leroy Stynchombe before news conference at jail. Williams is accompanied by his attorney Lynn Whatley (l) and Rev. Joe Boone.





Globetrotters (l-r) Louis Dunbar, Ovie Dotson and Jimmy Blacklock listen as police detective Neil Sharpe (back to camera) apologizes for error.

Globetrotter Trio Free After Being Mistaken For Robbers By Police

It was the kind of thing Black people suffer daily across the U.S. But that didn't make it any easier to swallow for three members of the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters.

Christmas shopping in Santa Barbara, Calif., before a recent game, the trio wound up face down on a city street, hands cuffed behind their backs, and a dozen armed policemen pointing guns at their heads.

What was soon cleared up as a simple case of mistaken identity, on the part of the police, was nearly a horror story for Ovie Dotson, Jimmy Blacklock and Louis Dunbar.

A jewelry store in the area had been robbed by three Black men wearing jogging suits. But the victim had told police one robber was 5-foot-8, another 5-foot-10 and the third he didn't see. Dunbar is 6-foot-10, Dotson is 6-foot-5, and Blacklock is 6-foot-1. After clearing the trio on the scene, the victim said, "They didn't look like them at all. . . I felt sorry for them."

"We've been greeted all over the world and never had anything like this happened before," said Dotson. Dunbar, who suffered a bruised wrist from the handcuffs, added, "If somebody pointed a revolver at your head, you don't just shake that off."

Blacklock added that all were a little upset over the mistaken identity incident.

Although police issued no formal apology, a spokesman insisted officers followed proper procedures.

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1983: YEAR OF UNUSUAL GAINS FOR BLACKS

At first they had little interest in making history. Harold Washington was content being a Congressman from Chicago's South Side and Vanessa Williams was an aspiring musical theater major at Syracuse University.



Harold Washington becomes Chicago's first Black mayor and his fiancee, Mary Smith, joins him in celebrating the historic victory.

NEWSMAKERS



President Reagan signs Martin Luther King national holiday bill.



But during the fall of 1982, Chicago's Black community drafted Washington as their choice to run for mayor. And about 700 miles away some months later, Ms. Williams was being coaxed into entering the Greater Miss Syracuse Beauty Pageant.

Fate took its course.

The election of Harold Washington as Chicago's first Black mayor and the crowning of Ms. Williams as the first Black Miss America in the pageant's 62-year history typified what was truly a year of unusual gains for Black Americans.

Following Washington to City Hall was W. Wilson Goode, who

became the first Black mayor of Philadelphia. By year's end, 23 Blacks had been elected mayor bringing the total number to 249.

Probably the most important gain for Blacks in 1983 was the passage of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Bill. Coretta Scott King and other supporters had fought a 15-year battle to get the slain civil rights leader to become only the second American honored by a national holiday. President George Washington "the father of our country," was the first to be so honored. In October, President Reagan signed the bill making the third Monday in January the date for observance beginning in 1986.

Other 1983 newsmakers included the Rev. Jesse Jackson who became the first Black to be viewed as a strong contender for the Democratic presidential nomination. Lt. Col. Guion Bluford, a 41-year-old ex-Air Force fighter pilot became the first Black American to make a space flight.



Bluford breaks barrier with outer space flight (above) and Miss Williams cops beauty title.



Climaxing ceremony at 20th anniversary March On Washington, Stevie Wonder sings as Congressman John Conyers holds mike. Mrs. King (2nd, l) and son, Martin III (l) witness supporters of King bill.







W. Wilson Goode flashes victory sign in election he won to become Philadelphia's first Black mayor (above) and Rev. Jesse Jackson (below) becomes presidential candidate.



Louis Gossett won Oscar for best supporting role.

Achievers In All Areas

Blacks also flexed their political muscles and showed that there is strength in numbers by registering to vote by the hundreds of thousands. And more than 300,000 Blacks converged on the nation's capital and gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington and to call for jobs, justice, peace and freedom.

In other areas of achievement, Bob Maynard became the first Black journalist to become the majority shareholder in a major metropolitan daily newspaper



Richard Pryor becomes top Black filmmaker with Columbia deal.

Comedian Eddie Murphy breaks into films and gets his biggest break.





Mr. T's talent helped propel TV's "The A Team" to a hit series.

with the purchase of the Oakland (Ca.) Tribune. In the arts, author Alice Walker became the first Black woman to win the coveted Pulitzer Prize in fiction for her eloquently written novel *The Color Purple*. And a 42-year-old former Alexandria, Va., school teacher, Mary Hatwood Futrell, became the first Black to head the 1.7 million member National

Michael Jackson hit musical jackpot with best-selling LP, Thriller.





Mary Futrell brings Black perspective as NEA's first Black president.



Writing talents brings outstanding honor to author Alice Walker.

Herschel Walker signs biggest football contract in USFL.



Banner Year For Blacks

Education Association.

In sports, University of Georgia running back Herschel Walker decided to forego his senior year and became the first "major" player to sign with a United States Football League team. He signed a three-year $4.5 million contract with the New Jersey Generals.

Ending years of frustration, the persistent Julius Erving received the elusive crown by lead-



Robert Maynard becomes first Black to head major White newspaper.

ing the Philadelphia 76ers to the NBA championship. In track and field, Carl Lewis, known as the latest answer to the late-great Jesse Owens, captured the 100 and 200-meter dash and long jump crowns at the U.S. Outdoor Championships in Indianapolis to become the first man in 98 years to record a triple in outdoor competition. He later claimed three gold medals at the World Track & Field Championships in Finland.

Also hurdler Edwin Moses continued his winning ways by ex-

tending his consecutive victories to 87. He hasn't lost a race since 1977. And University of Nebraska running back Mike Rozier became the 10th straight Black to win the coveted Heisman Trophy.

Dianne Durham broke new ground for Blacks in gymnastics by becoming the first Black female to win the United States Gymnastics Championships. And, Calvin Peete, a seven-year pro, became the first Black golfer to win over $1 million in career earnings. In entertainment, Michael Jackson's *Thriller* album became the biggest-selling album in the history of CBS Records. By November, it had sold 16 million copies worldwide and 10 million in the U.S. alone. The LP also became the first nonsoundtrack album to spawn five top ten singles.

In movies, Lou Gossett ended a 20-year drought of Black Oscar winners by capturing an Academy Award for best supporting actor for his role in the box office hit *An Officer and A Gentleman*. Also, comic Eddie Murphy who broke into the movie business in late 1982 continued to be successful in his second movie *Trading Places*. And Richard Pryor signed a whopping $40 million deal with Columbia Pictures to produce four films in which Pryor will have complete artistic control.

Making his television debut was gentle giant Mr. T, whose presence has consistently made "The A-Team" a top ten show throughout the year.

(See Census)



Dianne Durham blazes new trails in pursuit of Olympic honors.



Julius Erving



Calvin Peete



Edwin Moses



Carl Lewis

Mike Rosier accepts Heisman Trophy from Vice President Bush.



Words of the Week

Lionel Richie, prolific recording artist-songwriter and producer, whose smash single *All Night Long (All Night)* and album *Can't Slow Down* remain top sellers on record charts, revealing how he feels about his phenomenal success as a solo artist: *"There's a difference between a dream and a blessing. This is beyond my wildest dream now. If I weren't religious by now this would make me believe."*

T.M. Alexander, Sr., Atlanta pioneer insurance executive, in his first book, *The Things I Said To Me I Say To You,* on economics: *"When your upkeep becomes your downfall: that's economic determinism. It's like jumping out of a ten-story building and changing your mind as you pass the fifth floor. The law of gravity will not alter to accommodate your stupidity —nor will the law of economics."*

Don King, flamboyant boxing promoter who operates a multi-million dollar boxing business, noting how he distinguishes between people who are wealthy and those who are not: *"When you can count your money, you ain't got none."*

Damon J. Keith, federal judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Detroit, Michigan, urging Blacks to keep up the fight for equality and social justice: *"We should never make any apologies for doing what our times and circumstances compel us to do. The first emancipation was the burden of the White man, and that is why it remained only a proclamation. But the second emancipation is the burden of the Black man, and that is why it must be made a reality."*

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, noted educator and president-emeritus of Morehouse College in Atlanta, stressing the importance of self-pride and individuality in his new book, *Quotable Quotes of Benjamin E. Mays: "I would rather go to hell by choice than to stumble into Heaven by following the crowd."*



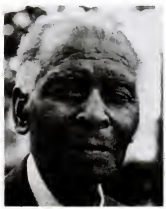
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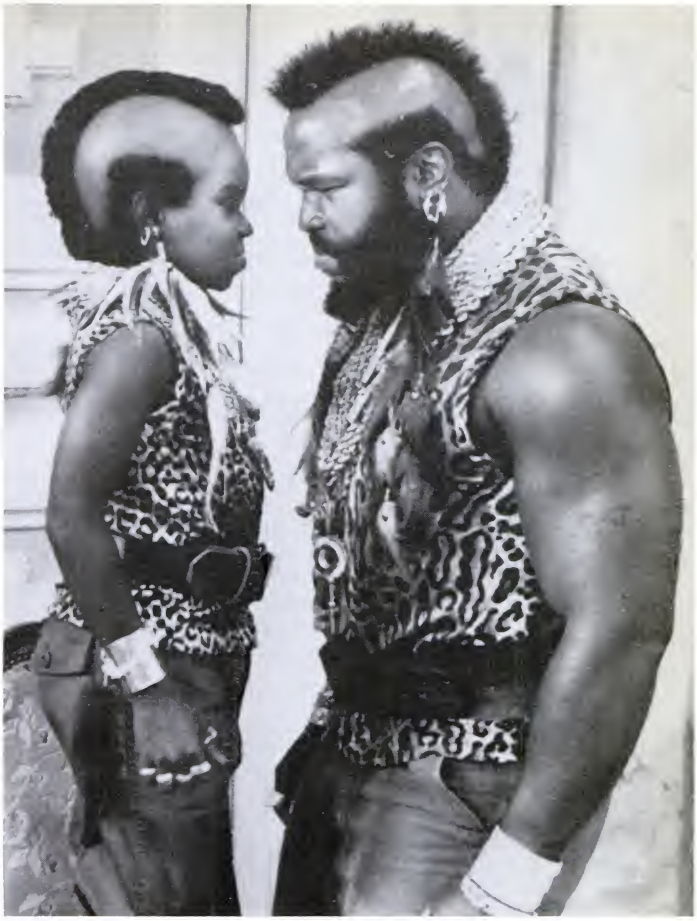
Monroe S. Frederick II

Tears Of Joy: With tears flowing, Hall of Famer Willie Mays thanks supporters who contributed $50,000 to his Say Hey Foundation, which provides college scholarships. His wife Mae was with Mays at dinner at New York City's Briar Hall Country Club (May 30, 1983).



Steve Falk, USA Today

Pendergrass Politics: Making a rare appearance, singer Teddy Pendergrass attends a fund-raiser to support W. Wilson Goode, who is Democratic candidate for mayor of Philadelphia. Pendergrass said he will unveil entertainment surprises in 1984 (November 21, 1983).



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Advice: After a young girl told him she has eyes only for Mr. T of "The A-Team" TV series, Gary Coleman, as Arnold, shaves his head to win the girl. Appearing on "Diff'rent Strokes," Mr. T tells Gary: "You gotta be your own original," (October 3, 1983).



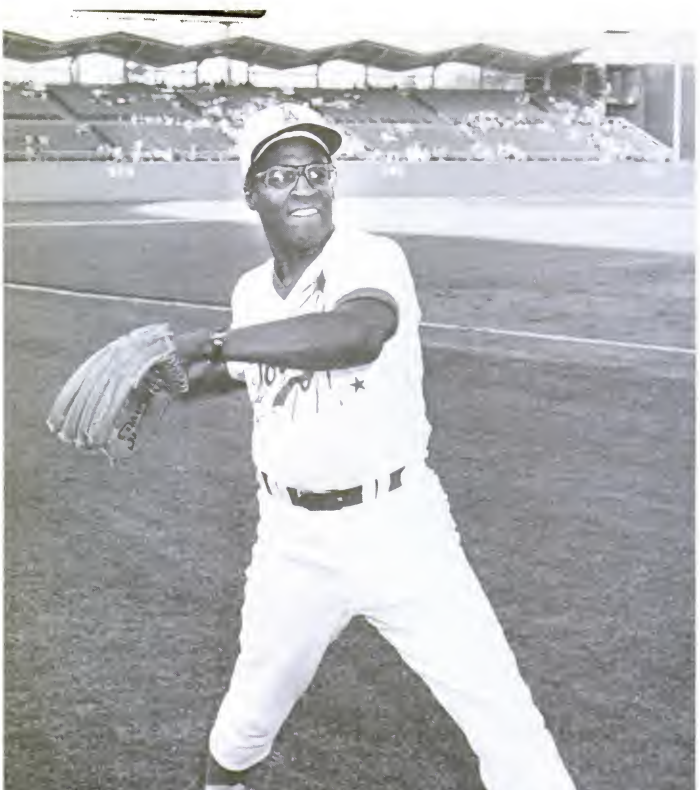
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Oh, Waiter! Retired Welterweight Champion Sugar Ray Leonard clowns around with a tray before the start of the Dunlop Pro-Am Awards dinner held in Buffalo, N.Y. Leonard, who was feted at the event, said he felt like a waiter dressed in his tux (March 7, 1983).



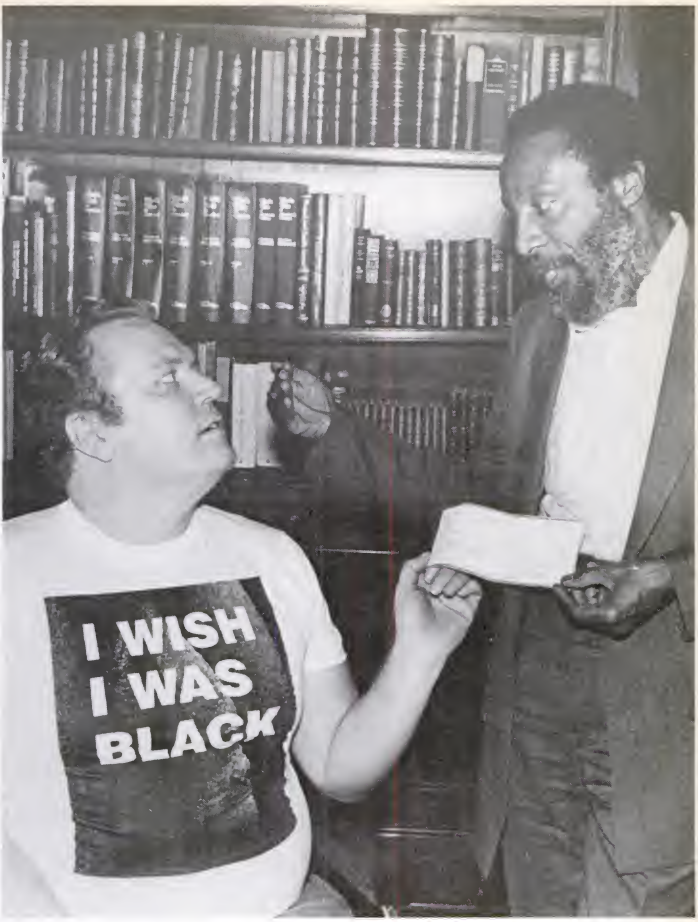
D. Michael Cheers

Mother and Son: Sounding great, Grammy Award-winning singer Natalie Cole belts out one of her many hits as her five-year-old son, Robert "Robby" Yancy, taps out a few beats in accompaniment during a recent concert in Merrillville, Ind. (April 4, 1983).



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Play Ball: Actor Robert Guillaume, star of the hit television show, "Benson," proves that he's also talented on the baseball field as he throws a pitch at Dodgers Stadium in Los Angeles, where a group of celebrities played the media in a rousing, fun game (August 15, 1983).



A.J. Bernstein

Check For Black Causes: Saying that he is "thrilled" that Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday becomes a national holiday, Hustler magazine Publisher Larry Flynt gives Dick Gregory a $100,000 check to divide among 20 Black organizations (November 28, 1983).



AP Laserphoto

Magnanimous Mayor: Showing nobility of feeling and generosity of mind, Mayor Carl Officer, of East St. Louis, Ill., carries a bag filled with trash. He led members of his staff on a garbage detail following the layoff of several trash collectors (October 17, 1983).



Maurice Sorrell

One More Time: Washington, D.C., Mayor Marion Barry gets a congratulatory kiss from his wife Effi during a private swearing-in ceremony. Barry, the son of a Mississippi sharecropper, was elected to his second, two-year term in November (January 24, 1983).



Hot New Poster From Bronner Brothers Drives 'Em Wild.

Their new album with executive producer Isaac Hayes includes this hot poster with each album. Record stores have complained of customers taking display posters from the walls.

Posters can be ordered directly from the group by sending $4.00 to Bronner Brothers Fan Club, P.O. Box 115269, Atlanta, GA 30310.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Pretty Vicki Deal of Evansville, Ind., enjoys biking, dancing, and computer programming. Vicki wishes all JET readers a Happy New Year.

LaMonte McLemore



James Mitchell

"Soul Father No. 1:" That's the title "Soul Brother No. 1" James Brown bestows upon his father Joseph. Observing Father's Day last week, the famous entertainer gave a Mark IV automobile to his 71-year-old father, who drives it in Augusta, Ga. (July 4, 1983).



Rochelle Metcalfe

His Favorite Nurse: Former football superstar O.J. Simpson plants a loving kiss on his mother Eunice at a retirement party in her honor in San Francisco. Serving on staff for 32 years at S.F. General Hospital, she was called "The Flying Nun" (September 5, 1983).

SPORTS

Ashe Says Tennis Star Yannick Noah Was Ripe For Thinking Of Suicide

Former world class tennis star Arthur Ashe, now captain of the U.S. Davis Cup team, said that his former protegé, Yannick Noah, 23, was ripe for suicidal tendencies, "Because he's a very passionate and emotional guy inside."

Explaining that he and Noah talked recently after France's biggest sports hero publicly admitted that he had considered suicide, Ashe confessed, "I was surprised that he said it publicly, but not that he felt that way. There's already a lot of pressure on him being the fourth-ranked player in the world. Then, the fact that he is Black and French adds more.

"He (Noah) told me the press camps outside his door near Paris and bug him constantly. That's why he wants to move to New York, where he can blend in and get some peace."

Ashe, who dealt with a different kind of pressure as the game's top Black player in the mid-1960s, admitted, "There are some similarities between the things he faces now and what I went through. For me, it was the turbulence of the times in America. There were a lot of demands on me to identify with Black causes. I don't regret a minute of it, but it did take something away from my playing.

"For Yannick, it's been that he has realized that his African countrymen don't all live the way he did, with servants and in a mansion. His father is a Black African, and his mother White and French. He's starting to come to grips with his Blackness. His father was a soccer star, but nothing he went through could have prepared Yannick for what he's going through now. He's beginning to identify with problems in Africa."



Noah tearfully explains to French media that he must move to New York to escape their hounding and the zealous tennis fans.

Ashe, who said he also interviewed Noah recently for television, added, "When we talked last year, Yannick told me his goal was to be in the top ten this year. Now he's ranked fourth in the world and earning over $2 million. He's a big handsome guy and France is sports mad. Yannick is the first



Ashe, now retired from tennis, knows what Noah is going through from experience and by close association with his former protegé.

Frenchman in nearly 50 years to win the French Open title and the pressure has been tremendous."

Having won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open himself, Ashe added, "Since Yannick won the French Open, people representing everything from shoes and clothes to tennis rackets and sweatbands have been trying to get a piece of him. Sometimes all that can be hard to deal with when you come up so fast and so young."

Concluded Ashe, who plans to join a group of other American sports stars in forming a consultant group, "I'm sure he'll get over the pressure. In New York, despite his braided hair, his Blackness, and being a star, the spotlight won't be on him and he can relax."

A's Sign Joe Morgan, Hope He'll Be A Winner

All-Star second baseman Joe Morgan, who celebrated his 40th birthday last Sept. 19 by hitting two homers, a double and a single, is playing it "one year at a time," having signed a contract with the Oakland A's.

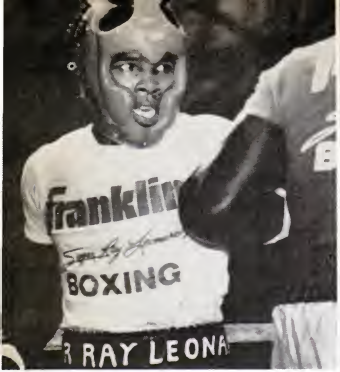
A mainstay with his fourth team in 19 years, Morgan started 1983 poorly with the Philadelphia Phillies but helped them get to the World Series as he hit .341, five homers and had 18 runs batted in for Sept. On the year, Morgan hit .230 but had 16 homers and 59 runs batted in with 18 stolen bases.

The record supports his claim that each the Cincinnati Reds, Houston Astros, San Francisco Giants and Phillies improved when he joined them.

When asked if this, his 20th year in baseball, will be his last, Morgan, a two-time National League MVP smiled and chided, "I hope so."

During playoffs, Morgan chatted with his father Leonard, who lives in Oakland, where Joe will now play.







Wearing headgear, Leonard peppers one of two exhibition foes, before renegging on a promise to stay home with Little Ray and Juanita.

Sugar Ray Leonard Overrules Wife, Plots Return To Championship

Former welterweight boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard, whose 13-month retirement came to an end after he scored a knockout in an exhibition bout, couldn't chalk up a round of applause from his wife, Juanita. So he simply overruled her by announcing his comeback to the world, and then telling her the next day.

"Juanita doesn't like it, but she will go along with the program," he said in between visits with her at a Maryland hospital.

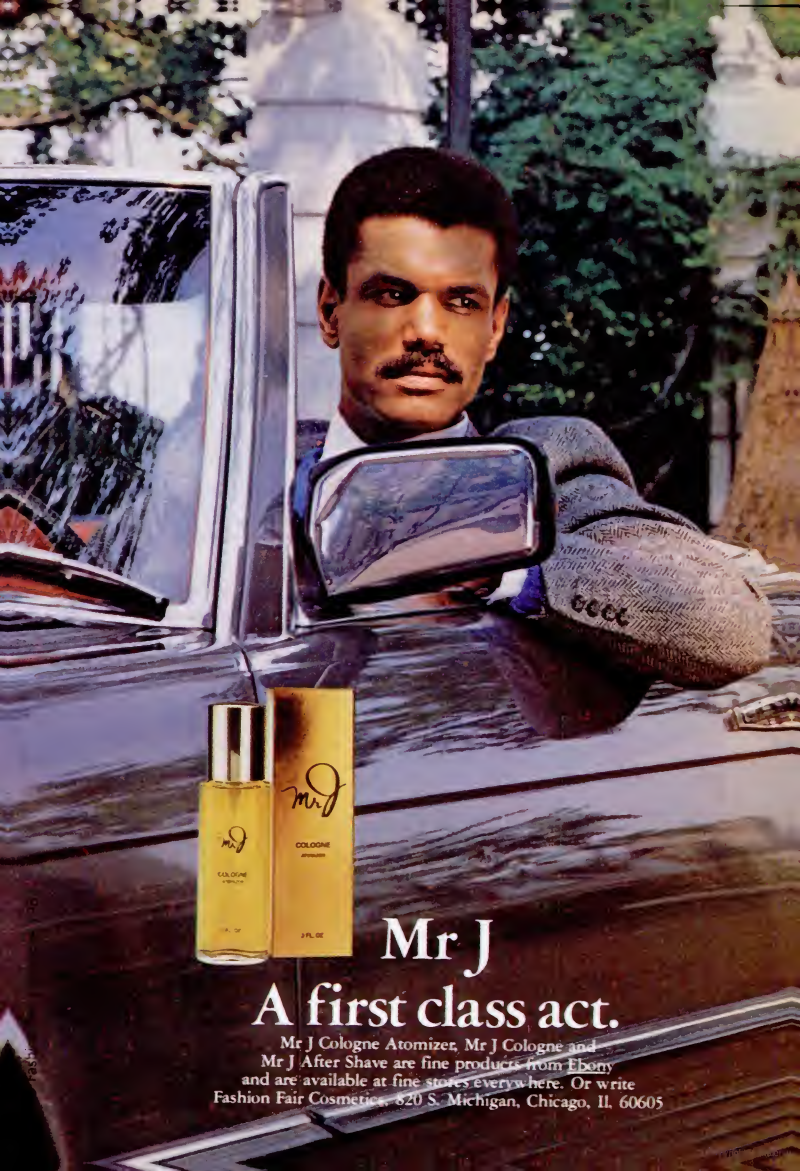
Leonard, who insists that he still wants "to be different from other boxers of the past," explained that although he's reneged on his promise to stay retired, "it's not the money I can make nor the glory that has brought me back."

According to the brightest name in boxing since Muhammad Ali's glory years, "it's because I denied myself a piece of history. There are things that I still want to accomplish in the game."

Mrs. Leonard, who is expecting their second child in June, said on the night of the exhibition that was predictably a stepping stone to a comeback, "I don't know if I'll be successful, but I'm doing my best to keep him retired." Suffering from nausea and dehydration, she was released from the hospital a few days later.

Although 27 and admittedly the oldest of the top 10 ranked welterweights, including WBC champ Milt McCrory (21) and WBA titleholder Donald Curry (22), Leonard cautioned, "Don't call me the 'old man' of the division. The dean, maybe, because that doesn't sound so bad."

Explaining he would fight one or two tuneups before going after either of the titles he vacated, Leonard said other possible opponents are middleweight champ Marvelous Marvin Hagler and junior welterweight king Aaron Pryor. He insisted that his foes will wear thumbless gloves.


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Black College Basketball Conference Standings

SWAC (South Western Athletic Conference)

MEN'S TEAMS	Conference	Overall
1. Alabama State University	0-0	5-1
2. Southern University	0-0	4-2
3. Grambling St. University	0-0	3-2
4. Alcorn State University	0-0	3-2
5. Jackson State University	0-0	1-1
6. Texas Southern University	0-0	3-4
7. Mississippi Valley St. Univ.	0-0	2-4
8. Prairie View A&M University	0-0	0-5

WOMEN'S TEAMS	Conference	Overall
1. Southern University	0-0	6-1
2. Alabama State University	0-0	2-1
3. Texas Southern University	0-0	2-1
4. Mississippi Valley St. University	0-0	3-2
5. Jackson St. University	0-0	2-2
6. Grambling State University	0-0	2-5
7. Alcorn State University	0-0	0-0
8. Prairie View A&M Univ.	0-0	0-4

MEAC (Mid Eastern Athletic Conference)

MEN'S TEAMS	Conference	Overall
1. So. Carolina St. College	0-0	4-2
2. Howard University	0-0	3-2
3. No. Carolina A&T St. Univ.	0-0	2-2
4. Delaware St. College	0-0	1-2
5. Florida A&M University	0-0	1-4
6. Univ. of Md.-Eastern Shore	0-0	1-5
7. Bethune-Cookman College	0-0	1-5

WOMEN'S TEAMS	Conference	Overall
1. Florida A&M University	0-0	7-1
2. Bethune-Cookman College	0-0	6-1
3. Delaware St. College	0-0	5-3
4. So. Carolina St. College	0-0	3-4
5. Howard University	0-0	3-5
6. No. Carolina A&T St. Univ.	0-0	1-4
7. Univ. of Md.-Eastern Shore	0-0	0-9

CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Ath. Assn.)

MEN'S TEAMS

Northern Division	Conference	Overall
1. Hampton Institute	1-0	8-1
2. Virginia State Univ.	1-0	4-2
3. Norfolk State Univ.	0-0	4-0
4. Virginia Union Univ.	0-0	7-0
5. Elizabeth City St. Univ.	0-0	3-4
6. St. Paul's College	0-1	4-5
7. Bowie St. College	0-1	1-8

Southern Division	Conference	Overall
1. St. Augustine's College	0-0	6-1
2. Winston-Salem St. Univ.	0-0	5-2
3. No. Carolina Central Univ.	0-0	4-6
4. Shaw University	0-0	2-7
5. Johnson C. Smith Univ.	0-0	3-3
6. Fayetteville St. Univ.	0-0	5-5
7. Livingstone College	0-0	2-6

WOMEN'S TEAMS

Northern Division	Conference	Overall
1. Hampton Institute	5-0	10-2
2. Norfolk St. University	2-0	6-2
3. Virginia Union Univ.	2-0	3-0
4. Virginia State Univ.	4-1	6-3
5. Elizabeth City St. Univ.	1-3	1-3
6. Bowie State College	0-4	1-5
7. St. Paul's College	0-5	0-5

Southern Division	Conference	Overall
1. Shaw University	4-1	8-1
2. Winston-Salem St. Univ.	4-2	5-2
3. Johnson C. Smith Univ.	2-2	5-5
4. Fayetteville St. Univ.	3-3	5-4
5. Livingstone College	1-2	2-3
6. St. Augustine's College	1-2	4-3
7. No. Carolina Central Univ.	1-5	4-8

SIAC (Southern Intercollegiate Ath. Conf.)

MEN'S—Division II	Conference	Overall
1. Clark College	1-0	4-1
2. Tuskegee Institute	1-0	3-4
3. Benedict College	1-1	1-6
4. Morehouse College	1-2	2-3
5. Alabama A&M University	0-0	3-1
6. Fort Valley St. College	0-0	3-4
7. Albany State College	0-0	0-5
8. Savannah State College	0-0	3-1
9. Morris Brown College	0-0	3-2

Division III	Conference	Overall
1. LeMoyne-Owen College	3-0	8-0
2. Miles College	0-1	1-6
3. Stillman College	0-1	0-1
4. Lane College	0-1	0-5
5. Rust College	0-1	3-2
6. Knoxville College	0-0	3-5

WOMEN'S—Division II	Conference	Overall
1. Tuskegee Institute	1-0	4-3
2. Savannah St. College	1-0	3-2
3. Alabama A&M University	1-1	4-2
4. Benedict College	0-1	1-2
5. Morris Brown College	0-1	0-4
6. Fort Vallet St. College	0-0	2-1
7. Clark College	0-0	0-3
8. Albany St. College	0-0	0-3

Division III	Conference	Overall
1. Rust College	2-0	7-1
2. Lane College	0-1	2-2
3. Miles College	0-1	1-3
4. LeMoyne-Owen College	0-0	1-1
5. Knoxville College	0-0	2-1
6. Stillman College	0-0	3-2

SEAC (SouthEastern Ath. Conference)

MEN'S TEAMS	Conference	Overall
1. Florida Memorial College	4-0	8-5
2. Morris College	1-1	3-7
3. Claflin College	0-1	5-7
4. Vorhees College	0-1	2-7
5. Edward Waters College	0-2	0-14

As Of December 13

WOMEN'S TEAMS	Conference	Overall
1. Florida Memorial College	4-0	9-4
2. Claflin College	1-0	7-2
3. Vorhees College	0-1	3-6
4. Morris College	0-1	2-6
5. Edward Waters College	0-2	0-13

INDEPENDENTS

(Ranked according to men's record)
(Women's record in parentheses)

TEAM	W-L
1. Xavier University (La.)	(5-3) 7-0
2. Bishop College (Texas)	(7-2) 5-2
3. Cheyney St. College (Pa.)	(4-1) 2-1
4. Kentucky State Univ.	(2-3) 3-2
5. Langston Univ. (Okla.)	(2-10) 6-6
6. Tennessee State Univ.	(4-3) 3-3
7. Paine College (Ga.)	(6-2) 5-6
8. Fisk University	(2-10) 3-4
9. Morgan State University	(5-4) 3-5
10. Lincoln University (Mo.)	(4-4) 3-6
11. Central St. Univ. (Ohio)	(2-5) 2-5
12. Lincoln Univ. (Pa.)	(3-3) 1-3
13. Univ. of D.C.	(5-1) 1-4
14. Southern Univ. (N.O.)	(2-9) 2-8
15. Paul Quinn College (Texas)	(7-4) 2-9

Top 10 Black Colleges

(Based upon a poll of coaches and commissioners of the MEAC, CIAA, SIAC, SEAC, and SWAC conferences and independent colleges.)

MEN'S TEAMS	W-L
1. LeMoyne-Owen College	8-0
2. Virginia Union Univ.	7-0
3. Xavier University (La.)	7-0
4. Norfolk St. University	4-0
5. Hampton Institute	8-1
6. St. Augustine's College	6-1
7. Alabama St. University	5-1
8. Clark College	4-1
9. Winston-Salem St. Univ.	5-2
10. Virginia State University	4-2

WOMEN'S TEAMS	W-L
1. Virginia Union University	3-0
2. Shaw University	8-1
3. Florida A&M University	7-1
4. Rust College	7-1
5. Southern University	6-1
6. Bethune-Cookman College	6-1
7. Hampton Institute	10-2
8. University of D.C.	5-1
9. Cheyney State College (Pa.)	4-1
10. Claflin College	7-2

Magic Johnson Denies Asking For New Contract



Magic Johnson

Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the Los Angeles Lakers star guard, said his comments about his $25 million contract were taken out of context by newspaper reports that he wanted to renegotiate.

Explaining that "I am very happy with my contract," Magic added that he wasn't happy making half as much yearly as Moses Malone ($2.2 million) or Larry Bird ($2.14 million). "If I'm paid like they are, I'll be happy," he replied.

Noting that he will earn $1 million yearly, guaranteed through the year 2009, when he'll be 50 and long since retired, he concluded that he had nothing to complain about.

Packers Star Admits He Needed Drug Abuse Help

Eddie Lee Ivery, a first round draft pick by the NFL Green Bay Packers in 1979, admitted just before the season's end that he sought professional help for cocaine dependence.

A 26-year-old running back, Ivery revealed, "I made a very serious mistake in my life. I got involved with cocaine. I thought I could clean up the problem on my own."

With his wife alongside, he said he had enrolled at a professional treatment center and was cured.

CENSUS

Legends Lost In 1983



Graham Jackson *Eubie Blake*

They came from all walks of life: sports, entertainment, politics, arts, medicine and education and before they died in 1983 these giants in their chosen fields made their mark on history. Though they are gone, their sacrifices and triumphs will keep their memories alive in our hearts forever.

Graham Jackson, musician who performed for six U.S. presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Jimmy Carter, February 22, 1903–January 15, 1983; **Eubie Blake**, ragtime pianist and composer, who composed the popular song *I'm Just Wild About Harry*, and was the subject of the recent Boradway musical *Eubie*, February 7, 1883–February 12, 1983; **Barbara Watson**, the first



Earl Hines



Muddy Waters

woman and the first Black to hold the rank of assistant secretary of state, Nov. 5, 1918–Feb. 17, 1983; **Catherine Basie**, former singer/dancer and wife of bandleader **Count Basie,** December 3, 1914–April 11, 1983; **Earl "Fatha" Hines**, one of the world's most celebrated jazz pianists-composers and bandleaders, December 28, 1905–April 22, 1983; **McKinley Morganfield** "Muddy Waters," legendary blues singer and guitarist, April 4, 1915–April 30, 1983; **James Van Der Zee**, world-renowned photographer, June 29, 1886–May 15, 1983; **Walter Jackson**, soulful singer, June 20, 1983; **Owen Dodson**, celebrated poet, novelist, teacher and playwright, who is credited with influencing African-American drama with such plays as *Divine Comedy* and *Bayou Legend*, November 28,



Barbara Watson



Catherine Basie



J. Van Der Zee



Walter Jackson



Owen Dodson



Mamie Clark



William Elliott



Maurice Bishop



Buddy Young



Johnny Hartman

1914–June 21, 1983; **Dr. Mamie Clark**, well-known psychologist who collaborated with her husband, Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, October 18, 1917–August 12, 1983; **Claude Henry Keystone "Buddy" Young**, former pro football player who became the first Black executive in the National Football League as director of player relations in 1964, January 5, 1926–September 4, 1983; **Johnny Hartman**, internationally-acclaimed vocalist, September 15, 1983; **Willie Bobo**, distinguished percussionist and vocalist, February 28, 1934–September 15, 1983; **Dr. Julius Hill**, California's first Black orthopedic surgeon and founder of the Charles Drew Medical School in Los Angeles, June 12, 1917–September 26, 1983; **William "Bill" Elliott**, actor and musician who was twice married to and divorced from singer Dionne Warwick, June 4, 1934–September 30, 1983; **Maurice Bishop**, prime minister of Grenada, October 20, 1983; **Dr. Allison Davis**, noted social anthropologist and psychologist, and early critic of standardized tests because of their racial bias, October 4, 1902–November 21, 1983; **James Kemp**, labor leader and national president of the NAACP, August 18, 1912–December 5, 1983.



Willie Bobo



Julius Hill



Allison Davis



James Kemp

CELEBRITIES

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Entertainers Reveal Their Resolutions For New Year

It's that time of year again when millions worldwide sit down and ponder over which bad habits to give up and which good habits to aim for in the upcoming year. Even though some will be broken before the Rose Bowl Parade ends, resolutions are as traditional as New Year parties.

And in keeping with that tradition, beautiful actress Sheila DeWindt donned top hat and a coat with skirts tapering from the front waistline to form tails at the back (see cover) to greet 1984 with a resolve to pursue her show biz goals with a zeal to succeed. With a recurring role in television and bookings for guest appearances on TV shows, Sheila foresees a Happy New Year.

Other entertainers are set to ring out the old year and plan to usher in the New Year with resolutions revealed to JET:

Sherrie Payne: "To do more witnessing for God, have a more positive self-image and not to take crap from anybody."

Whitman Mayo: "I'm going to continue to have a love affair with myself which will enable me to give 100 percent of everything that's left to other people. As a song goes, 'If I can help somebody my living will not have been in vain.'"

Don Cornelius: "To finally stop smoking cigarettes forever."



Sheila DeWindt



Byron Allen

Byron Allen: "I want to make a whole lot of people laugh and smile by telling lots and lots of jokes. That's always my resolution."

Andrae Crouch: "I'm going to develop a bad taste for soul food so I can lose weight and stay down. I also plan to look at my music more seriously so I can realize many of the goals and dreams that I wanted to accomplish through my music."

Freda Payne: "To do more in taking care of the business aspects of a career and have more faith in my beliefs that God cures all."

Lillian Lehman: "To learn how to be selfish and remain as generous as I am."

Kashif: "To work harder to use my music in my life to set a positive example for all of today's youth."



Don Cornelius



Andrae Crouch



Dance Auditions: Veteran movie actor-producer-director Sidney Poitier listens to a question from a talent coordinator who helped screen about 1,000 hopeful dancers auditioning in Chicago recently for a role in his upcoming Columbia Pictures' flick *Shootout*. The movie, which will unfold against the latest dance craze known as breaking, will be shot in New York City early this year.

Alvin Ailey Looks For Second Home For Company

Dance choreographer Alvin Ailey, who's celebrating the 25th anniversary of his famed dance company, is looking around for a second home for the troupe.

Ailey, 51, is considering opening a second home office in Miami, Kansas City, Missouri or Atlanta. "Miami would love to share us with New York," said Ailey. "We're working on it. They'd assume partial financial responsibilities."

The move is being considered partly for financial reasons, according to Bill Hammond, executive director of the company. Although the company is doing well, there is fierce competition for "contributed dollars" in New York City, where every major dance company is based, he said.

Eartha Kitt Stars In Benefit Play, 'Snow White' During Holiday Season

Sultry entertainer Eartha Kitt, making good her belief of giving during the holiday season, recently lent her talent and time to perform in a benefit production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" at the Loew's Anatole Hotel in Dallas.

Ms. Kitt, who is starring in a one-woman film documentary on her career, titled *All By Myself*, played the wicked stepmother in the "Snow White" play. Proceeds from the show were earmarked to benefit local school programs and the city's Swiss Avenue Counseling Center.

Celebrity Beat

CELEB SIGNAL? Was actor **Glynn Turman** sending a signal to his estranged Queen Of Soul **Aretha Franklin** at a recent awards ceremony in Los Angeles? When she didn't show up for her Image award, Turman accepted for her and as the applause started, he held the trophy aloft and said, "Aretha, call me." It may take some time because she has settled a dispute with Arista Records and will record a live album when **Ken Reynolds** works out the logistics and a location. Moreover, she's preparing a response to New York state's tax men who say she owes $100,000 in taxes, interests and penalties.

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COINCIDENTAL. Although superstar variety performer **Sammy Davis Jr.**, and the entertainer whose career he helped launch, **Lola Falana**, quit their sick beds in different cities during the yuletide season, there was no connection. In Las Vegas, Lola, who narrowly escaped death following surgery this summer, says "God is definitely in the blessing business" and she is resuming her show biz career. In Los Angeles, Sammy, recuperating from fractured ribs, looks forward to resuming his bookings. The big smile he wore when he arrived home was caused by his Cabbage Patch doll, **Buddy Collin**, given to him on his 58th birthday by **George Rhodes** and wife **Shirley Rhodes.**

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KEEPING TABS ON CELEBS. Singer **Natalie Cole** probably thinks she is a victim of "press doublespeak." Her confinement was reported as being caused by drugs, but the press reported that actress **Elizabeth Taylor's** confinement in Palm Springs, Calif., is due to "chemical dependency."... Actor **Richard Burton** and his wife **Sally** will make their home in Haiti. Burton said, "I went there first seven years ago to get a divorce from **Elizabeth (Taylor).**" He went back last February to divorce **Susan (Hunt).** His stay there two weeks with Sally, he said, "was so super" that he decided to buy a home in Haiti... Presidential candidate **Jesse Jackson's** aide, **Frank Watkins,** said Stroh's Brewery's $25,000 reward and employment of private detectives to squelch rumors that the brewery is supporting Jackson is absurd. "If Stroh's wasn't taking it (rumor) so seriously the whole thing would be unbelievably laughable" because a corporation, by law, cannot contribute to a candidate's campaign, Watkins chuckled.

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CELEBS BIRTHDAYS. Adding another year this week are: actor **John Amos,** Dec. 27; singer-musician **Lonnie Liston Smith** and singer **Roebuck "Pop" Staples,** Dec. 28; actress **Rosalind Cash,** trumpeter **Jonah Jones,** singers **Odetta** and **Donna Summer,** Dec. 31.


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ENTERTAINMENT

Pryor Fires Brown As Head Of His Company

After only seven months in operation, Richard Pryor's Indigo Productions is already embroiled in controversy. Pryor recently fired longtime friend Jim Brown who served as president of the company due to "creative differences," according to Columbia Pictures.

In May, Columbia signed a $40 million agreement with Pryor that called for the comedian to produce but not necessarily star in four movies over the next five years. The deal also called for Pryor to star in another three Columbia movies.

Three other Black employees of the company, including Shelia Frazier, who served as a script reader, were also fired. Ms. Frazier told JET that she has been friends with both Brown and Pryor for many years and could not comment on the issue.

The firing drew an angry response from officials of the Beverly Hill/Hollywood branch of the NAACP. Willis Edwards, president of the branch, said: "It's a slap in the face because we were working very hard with Jim Brown... Richard Pryor couldn't just fire Jim Brown by himself when a major company — Coca-Cola and Columbia — is putting up the $40 million ... I think they're using Pryor as a scapegoat, making everybody think he did this when in fact it was Coke and Columbia making the move."

At breakthrough announcement for Indigo Productions (l-r) McElwaine, Brown, Frank Price and Pryor saw nothing but good times ahead.



Edwards added: "We've sent letters to Guy McElwaine (Columbia president) and the chairman of the board of Coca-Cola demanding that the four fired be rehired."

Stan Robertson, the highest-ranking Black spokesman for Columbia, strongly denied Edward's charges. "To say Coca-Cola or Columbia Pictures put pressure on Pryor is totally untrue," Robertson said and then added: "Pryor is his own man... His deal with Columbia gives him the right to hire and fire as he sees fit."

Brown, who said he was hired as president of Pryor's Indigo Productions at $150,000 yearly, told JET that he was puzzled at the action of Pryor, who has credited him for helping sustain his life after the comedian nearly burned himself to death in 1980.

He said Pryor gave him neither respect as a friend nor as a business partner in the dismissal. "I was fired, given no reason," Brown said. He asked for his company back and gave him a check to cover a month's severance pay, Brown revealed.

The check was accompanied by a "Dear Jim" letter, which said, in part: "I feel very badly about the unpleasantness of the situation. Our egos clash and it's debilitating. However, I still consider you a friend and I'll be a friend if you need it." Pryor said he accepted Brown's resignation "on the grounds of creative differences" and added: "that's what I'll say if anyone asks, no more, no less."



Sheila Frazier



Willis Edwards

"There was no resignation," Brown said, subduing his disappointment. He said there was no clash of ego and that he simply did his job. "I had no power to make any decisions," Brown said, "and I had no power to spend any money, but I didn't mind that because if he made a decision then it could be done."

Brown said his role as president was to make himself available to people, analyze things and make recommendations. He said all of his recommendations were passed over, including proposals to do a Robert Hooks film, the Prince movie, *The Entertainer*, and make available $1.7 million to Glynn Turman, Whitman Mayo and Paul Winfield to produce their science fiction story.

The Hollywood Reporter suggested that Pryor fired Brown because he was upset about Brown's attempt to involve Black writers and producers extensively with Indigo.

Pryor could not be reached for comment as JET went to press. His office said that he was in Hawaii and will release an official statement sometime in the near future.

Evelyn King Turns To Punk Funk On Album; Reclaims 'Champagne'

Singer Evelyn King has put the "Champagne" back into her name and has taken on a new musical challenge.

At 23, Ms. King is no longer the teenaged singer who burst onto the musical scene several years ago with the soulful classics *Shame* and *I Don't Know If It's Right*. She is, as she reminds those who think she is still a teenager, a woman. A woman who has grown up in the music business and is taking more control of her career.

She reveals that "Champagne" is a take-off of her family nickname "Bubbles." Though she dropped the name for a while, she has brought it back on her new RCA album *Face to Face* because her fans missed it. "My fans were bugging me to death," she says. "It seemed really nice and it was a 'stagey' name. They loved it and I loved it, so I said, 'Hey, RCA, I want my name back' and that was it." So, the name once again is Evelyn "Champagne" King.

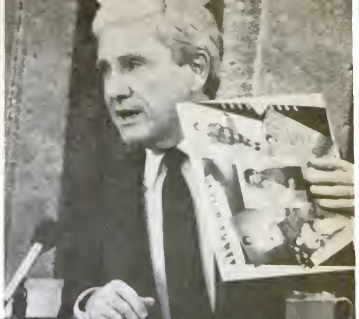
With the return of her full name, Ms. King has also branched out into a punk funk sound on her new album which is already making its way up the record charts. Produced by Leon Sylvers III and Andre Cymone, a former bass player for Prince, the album gives Ms. King a more sassy, sparkling uptempo sound.

The album follows her recent gold album *Get Loose* with the hit singles *Love Come Down* and

Evelyn "Champagne" King is congratulated on her new album, Face to Face *by Don Ellis, RCA Records Division vice president.*







Ms. King peforms her new single Action *on the "Merv Griffin Show." At right, Griffin discusses her new punk funk album.*

Betcha She Don't Love You.

She explains, "I love to cross over. I love to sing different types of music. I wanted to move into something which was really what I'm all about." She adds, "I wanted to keep up to date and the Prince/Rick James sound is what I like best."

She reveals that Prince has been her greatest musical influence. "I love Prince. He's very energetic. I feel like he's the prince and I'm the little princess."

Admitting that romance is difficult for women in show business, she says she has found the perfect man for her — a 25-year-old guitar player and music director. "I am very happy," she exclaims. "We have a very good relationship. He loves me for me, as a person. He knows that I'm a person and not Evelyn 'Champagne' King, the singer."

Always looking ahead for new challenges, Evelyn says she wants to branch out into acting. "I would love to do two soap operas. 'All My Children' and 'General Hospital.'" A soap fan, she keeps up on them even when she is on tour. "When I'm on the road I call home and ask my mother what's going on on the soaps."

In Jet *file photo, she meets former President Carter at White House.*



JET'S TOP 20 Albums



Lionel Richie



Midnight Star

	Title	Artist and Label
1	**CAN'T SLOW DOWN**	Lionel Richie (Motown)
2	**NO PARKING ON THE DANCE FLOOR**	Midnight Star (Solar)
3	**THE GAP BAND V-JAMMIN'**	The Gap Band (Total Experience)
4	**IN A SPECIAL WAY**	DeBarge (Gordy)
5	**COLD BLOODED**	Rick James (Gordy)
6	**I'M A BLUES MAN**	Z.Z. Hill (Malaco)
7	**STAY WITH ME TONIGHT**	Jeffrey Obsorne (A&M)
8	**THRILLER**	Michael Jackson (Epic)
9	**COMEDIAN**	Eddie Murphy (Columbia)
10	**YOURS FOREVER**	Atlantic Starr (A&M)
11	**ON THE RISE**	The S.O.S. Band (Tabu)
12	**HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS**	Teddy Pendergrass (Philadelphia Int'l)
13	**FEEL MY LOVE**	Jennifer Holliday (Geffen)
14	**STOMPIN' AT THE SAVOY**	Rufus and Chaka Khan (Warner Bros.)
15	**THE SONGSTRESS**	Anita Baker (Beverly Glen)
16	**ZAPP III**	Zapp (Warner Bros.)
17	**ELECTRIC UNIVERSE**	Earth, Wind & Fire (Columbia)
18	**VISIONS**	Gladys Knight & The Pips (Columbia)
19	**CANDY GIRL**	New Edition (Streetwise)
20	**ROBBERY**	Teena Marie (Epic)



Host Whitman Mayo (2nd, r) talks to Mrs. and Mr. Robert Davis, whose son Robert Jr. has sickle cell anemia, as Madge Sinclair listens.

Actor Whitman Mayo Hosts Sickle Cell Anemia Benefit

Whitman Mayo, known to millions of television viewers as Grady from "Sanford & Son," and currently featured in the new Universal Studios film *D.C. Cab*, recently served as host of the first annual Sickle Cell Anemia Television Special in Waco, Tex.

Broadcast live on the local NBC-TV affiliate, the fundraiser was sponsored by the station, KCEN-TV Channel 6, and the Central Texas Sickle Cell Center. Also on hand for the benefit was Madge Sinclair, who portrays Ernie on the CBS-TV series "Trapper John, M.D.," Pledges, which amounted to $12,000, will go toward sickle cell research and treatment for its victims.

Mayo accepts a check from Art Boehme during benefit for sickle cell anemia. Dr. Gary Radford, former City Council member, also attended the fundraiser. At right, a smiling Ms. Sinclair greets supporter Gene Carter.





She Wants Muscles: Atlantan Addie Strickland gets a thrill out of feeling the biceps of Tony Pearson, a former Mr. Universe and Mr. America 1982, during a recent reception to announce the release of a new album produced by singer-musician Isaac Hayes and featuring Natte and Bernard Bronner (background), sons of local businessman N.H. Bronner.

Southern Roots Aided Richie's Development



Lionel Richie

Sizzling songwriter-entertainer Lionel Richie whose new album *Can't Slow Down* and hot single *All Night Long (All Night)* are currently number one on the music charts credits his diverse musical background to his southern upbringing.

"My grandma, whose house I grew up in, was a piano instructor who played Bach and Beethoven," Richie said. "Later in college, all you heard was the Supremes and the Temptations and because it was the South, it was hard not to hear country music. It all just melted together for me."

Sugar Hill Records Inks New Deal With MCA Records

Sugar Hill Records, the New Jersey-based "rap" music label, has signed a distribution deal with MCA Records. According to Joe Robinson, co-principal of Sugar Hill, MCA will take over the Canadian distribution of the label from Quality Records, when the Quality deal expires in the near future.

JET'S TOP 20 Singles

	Title	Artist and Label
1	ALL NIGHT LONG (ALL NIGHT)	Lionel Richie (Motown)
2	TIME WILL REVEAL	DeBarge (Gordy)
3	TAXI	J. Blackfoot (Sound Town)
4	SAY SAY SAY	Michael Jackson & Paul McCartney (Columbia)
5	TELL ME IF YOU STILL CARE	The S.O.S. Band (Tabu)
6	STAY WITH ME TONIGHT	Jeffrey Osborne (A&M)
7	TOUCH A FOUR LEAF CLOVER	Atlantic Starr (A&M)
8	BABY I'M HOOKED	Con Funk Shun (Mercury)
9	JOANNA	Kool & The Gang (De-Lite)
10	WET MY WHISTLE	Midnight Star (Solar)
11	IF YOU ONLY KNEW	Patti LaBelle (Epic)
12	I NEED YOU	Pointer Sisters (RCA)
13	LET THE MUSIC PLAY	Shannon (Mirage)
14	NUBIAN NUT	George Clinton (Capitol)
15	JOYSTICK	The Dazz Band (Motown)
16	I AM LOVE	Jennifer Holliday (Geffen)
17	ONLY YOU	The Commodores (Motown)
18	HEARTBREAKER	Zapp (Warner Bros.)
19	BODY TALK	Deele (Solar)
20	HOW MANY TIMES CAN WE SAY GOODBYE	Dionne Warwick/Luther Vandross (Arista)



Lionel Richie



DeBarge

TELEVISION



Sammy Davis Jr./ Isabel Sanford On 'The Jeffersons'

A star-struck Louise (**Isabel Sanford**) inadvertently becomes **Sammy Davis Jr.**'s last line of defense in his battle to find some peace away from fans and a hounding reporter, on "The Jeffersons" (Sunday, Jan. 1, at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Others scheduled to appear this week include: **Katherine Dunham/Geoffrey Holder/Carmen deLavallade** on "The Kennedy Center Honors: A Celebration of the Performing Arts," (Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Kim Fields on "The Facts of Life," (Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Shari Belafonte-Harper/Nathan Cook on "Hotel," (Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Leslie Uggams on "The 50th Annual King Orange Jamboree Parade," (Saturday, December 31, at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Gary Coleman/Todd Bridges on "Diff'rent Strokes," (Saturday, December 31, at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Rick James on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve '84" (Saturday, Dec. 31, at 11:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Lionel Richie/Eddie Murphy on "Saturday Night Live," (Saturday, Dec. 31, at 11:30 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Harry Belafonte/LeVar Burton on "Grambling's White Tiger," (Sunday, Jan. 1, at 9 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Robert Guillaume/Marilyn McCoo, co-host EBONY's American Black Achievement Awards on TV stations in the following cities: Greenwood/Greenville, MS (Wednesday, January 4, at 10:30 p.m.) on WXVT; Montgomery, AL (Friday, January 6, at 10:30 p.m.) on WCOV; Greenville, Spartanburg, SC/Asheville, NC (Saturday, January 7, at 11:30 p.m.) on NSPA; Nashville, TN (Sunday, January 8, at 11:30 p.m.) on WTVF; Orlando, FL (Sunday, January 8, at 12:00 midnight) on WFTV; Memphis, TN (Sunday, January 8, at 9:30 p.m.) on WPTY; Columbia, MO (Sunday, January 8, at 1:30 p.m.) on KOMU; Tuscaloosa, AL (Sunday, January 8, at 10:30 p.m.) on WCFT.



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